THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) There is indeed shortage of critical human resources in the public health delivery system in some states in the country especially in rural areas. The shortages are against the positions of specialists, medical officers, staff nurses and other paramedics. In many states the number of positions sanctioned for various specialities need to be increased to provide optimum numbers at all levels. The Indian Public Health Standards have prescribed higher HR requirements at all levels and under NRHM states have undertaken various measures to overcome these shortages.

As per WHO there are no standards for assessing the sufficiency of health work force and an appropriate skill mix is desirable to ensure numeric and skill adequacy.

As per the World Health Statistics 2009, published by the WHO there are 1.9 service provider (including doctors, nurses and midwifery personal) per 1000 population in India.

The State Governments have taken several steps to compensate the gaps in availability of health human resources. However a separate cadre of doctors who will work only in villages is not being planned by any state.

Mandatory pictorial warnings on packets of cigarettes and beedies

527. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has issued orders mandating the manufacturers for pictorial warning on packets of cigarettes and beedies;

(b) if so, the details of the specifications;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that many companies are not following the mandatory warning on the 40 per cent of the total area of the packet;

(d) if so, the details of such instances and action that has been taken on such companies and products; and

(e) what measures Government is taking to provide smoking zones at various places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) Yes. The Government of India has notified "the Cigaretes and Other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008" *vide* GSR No. 182 dated 15th March, 2008. These rules came into force from 31st May, 2009. As per these Rules, every package of cigarette or any other tobacco product sold in the country shall *inter-alia* have the Specified Pictorial representation of ill effect of the tobacco use.

The specified health wanting should occupy at least forty percent (40%) of the pricipla display area of the front panel of the pack.

(c) and (d) There are representations received from the Civil Society/NGO's informing about the violations(s) of the aforesaid Rules by a few manufacturers. Ministry of Health has written to all State Governments and to CBEC, Department of Revenue for ensuring strict compliance of aforesaid Rules.

(e) Designated smoking areas are permitted only in Hotels with thirty or more rooms or restaurants having seating capacity of thirty persons or more and airports subject to fulfilment of other technical specifications as laid down in the Rurales notified *vide* GSR No.417(E) dated 30th May, 2008.

Spurious chinese medicines

†528. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that due to unhindered entry of spurious Chinese medicines in Indian market, health of general public is being affected adversely; and

(b) whether Government is contemplating to impose ban on spurious Chinese medicines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The quality of the drugs imported into the country is monitored at the Ports of entry. Items of doubtful quality are not permitted to be released. The drugs consignment found spurious are recommended for absolute confiscation.

Vacant faculty positions at AIIMS

529. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of faculty members of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) resigned during last three years, discipline-wise;

(b) the sanctioned strength of the faculty in AIIMS, discipline-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that faculty positions are lying vacant; and

(d) if so, the reasons for leaving faculty under-staffed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) As per Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) At present, 190 faculty positions are lying vacant.

(d) In the years 2006 and 2007, a total of 131 vacant faculty positions were advertised. However, selection process against this advertisement could not take place due to administrative reasons and the same were treated as cancelled/withdrawn. The Governing Body/Institute Body of AIIMS in its meeting held on 13.08.2008 and 18.08.2008 respectively decided to implement 200 point post based roster and consequently, 92 faculty posts were advertised on 04.11.2008 under Special recruitment Drive for SCs/STs/OBCs. Selection against this advertisement could not take place because of objections from Faculty Association of AIIMS regarding improper implementation of Reservation Policy.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.